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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masanori OHKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/854,689

Group Art Unit: 2876

Confirmation No. 8408

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Examiner: Karl D. Frech

For:

LIGHT SOURCE MODULE FOR A SCANNING APPARATUS AND A SCANNING

APPARATUS WITH THE LIGHT SOURCE MODULE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with an RCE and is responsive to the FINAL Office Action, mailed December 2, 2003 and having a period for response set to expire on March 2, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 2, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.